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## Q & A ON LABOR-MANAGEMENT ISSUED TO ALL EMPLOYEES

### Management Training and Umpire Selection Underway

A set of questions and answers relating to the new Library of Congress Regulation (LCR 2026) issued April 24 establishing a labor-management program within the Library has been made available to all employees and employee organizations.

Prepared by the Labor-Management Relations staff under the title, *Answers to Questions About LCR 2026 on the Labor-Management Program in the Library of Congress*, the questions and answers concern

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## 24TH NATIONAL EXHIBITION OF PRINTS OPENED MAY 23

The 24th National Exhibition of Prints, cosponsored by the Library of Congress and the National Collection of Fine Arts, opened at the National Collection, Smithsonian Institution, on May 23. A record 895 entries were submitted by artists from across the United States and, as is traditional, the selections were made by a jury of one curator and two printmakers. [See story on selection of prints for the 24th National Exhibition in the March 7 LC *Information Bulletin*, p. 87.]

The jurors for this year's exhibition were Clifford Ackley, Assistant Curator of Prints and Drawings at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, Nathan Olivera of Stanford, Calif., and Clara Romano of Englewood, N.J. In addition to the 57 prints chosen for the exhibition, one sample of the work of each artist-juror is included.

The exhibition is a mixture of figurative and fantasy works, with a balance of lithographs and intaglio, including some mezzotints. Following its showing at the National Collection of Fine Arts, the exhibition will be circulated by the Library's Exhibits Office. An illustrated catalog accompanies the exhibition listing the names and addresses of the artists or their representatives.

The exhibition will remain on view through September 7.

## POETRY CONSULTANT REAPPOINTED

Acting Librarian of Congress John G. Lorenz has named Stanley Kunitz, Consultant in Poetry for 1974-75, to a second term. Mr. Kunitz' reappointment was announced on May 12 by John C. Broderick, Chief of the Manuscript Division, at the final program of the 1974-75 literary season, at which the Poetry Consultant delivered a lecture entitled "From Feathers to Iron." Mr. Kunitz is the 23rd Consultant since the post was created at the Library of Congress in 1936 through support from the Archer M. Huntington Fund.

Talking to Stanley Jaspoon Kunitz in the sun-

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drenched and antique-filled quarters of the Poetry Consultant on the Library's top floor–tucked away in a corner overlooking the U.S. Capitol–one would be tempted to think that this pinnacle was the poet's ivory tower indeed. But Mr. Kunitz is a man of this world and he thinks it is "more fitting in a democracy that we don't have a poet laureate." Unlike other more hierarchical societies, the United States offers a climate for a richness and diversity in the American poetry scene that is distinctive. "... genius is now dispersed," he said in an interview last year. "Today there may be 12 poets that add up to a Milton, but we have no Milton."

In a flow of easy conversation, Mr. Kunitz takes up many subjects touching on his concerns as the Library's Poetry Consultant–the state of the art in America today, the strong appeal of poetry for students at our universities, the problems of being a poet in Russia, a recording of black poets–all concerns of the real world seemingly far removed from those ethereal quarters. Projects planned and under way include trying to touch base with the poets who have not read at the Library and bring them here, collaborating with poet Michael Harper on a long-playing recording of readings by black poets (which he hopes will be ready by 1976), and, for the Bicentennial, a possible exchange of six English and six American poets who would tour and read and then gather here in April or May 1976 for a reading. Mr. Kunitz is also very interested in "the sense of crisis in the poetry world" that has been prompted by the fear that publishers, under economic stress, will abandon poetry publishing first.

Mr. Kunitz, who has translated poems by Akhmatova, Voznesensky, Yevtushenko, and Mandelstam, is particularly interested in the state of poetry in Russia. Citing Mandelstam, he notes that poetry is more important to Russians "because poets die for it." The poet, who is always under surveillance and

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## VIRGINIA DAIKER RECOGNIZED FOR WOMEN'S YEAR AWARD

Virginia Daiker, recently retired Specialist in American Architecture in the Prints and Photographs Division, has been chosen by the Library's Federal Women's Program Committee for recognition in the International Women's Year Calendar, a program calling attention to outstanding women in all areas of endeavor during each month of the calendar year. [See Miss Daiker's retirement story in the May 2 LC *Information Bulletin*, p. 178.]

In her more than 40 years of service to the Library of Congress, Miss Daiker was largely responsible for the growth of the Historical American Buildings Survey, a joint project of the Library, the U.S. National Park Service, and the American Institute of Architects. HABS has sought and preserved for public use in the Library the photographs, data sheets, and architectural plans for nationally significant buildings.

An indexing project she began a number of years ago has been invaluable to readers. It is a three-part index pertaining not only to materials in HABS, but to all still media in the architectural holdings of the Prints and Photographs Division. It is readily accessible by subject, by building title, or by illustration in published works.

Miss Daiker's pioneering work in the field of historical building pictorial documentation earned for her the respect of co-workers and the admiration of researchers who now have easy access to important historical research materials.

Her endeavors have not gone unnoticed. She has been acknowledged in more than 100 books and in 1973, former first lady Pat Nixon presented her with the National Trust for Historic Preservation's special

award for her "38 years of scholarly dedication to American architecture." She has also received an award from the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society and a Superior Service Award from the Library of Congress.

Miss Daiker is active in professional associations including the Society of Architectural Historians, the Special Libraries Association, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Columbia Historical Society.

Even in retirement, Miss Daiker says she finds that demands on her time for professional advice have continued. Although she plans to remain active in the work she fostered at the Library for 40 years, her goal for the immediate future is "more time for myself." Her garden, a new bicycle—the gift of the HABS staff at the time of her retirement—and travel are foremost on her list of activities. Even with more time now, Miss Daiker says, there aren't enough hours in the day.

## LABOR-MANAGEMENT INFORMATION ISSUED TO EMPLOYEES

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rights and responsibilities of employees and management staff, together with the mechanics for third-party decision-making under the Library's labor-management regulation. They are intended to contribute to a better understanding among employees, management, and labor representatives. They do not provide, however, official interpretations or applications of the regulation.

The new regulation, which has been approved by the Joint Committee on the Library, is the result of the work of an Ad Hoc Committee of Federal labor-management experts and Library of Congress officials appointed in 1973 to conduct hearings and study the feasibility of the Library's adoption of a labor-management system similar to that in effect throughout the executive branch. The objectives of the labor-management program are to strengthen cooperation and understanding between management and labor, improve management's ability to resolve employee grievances, and to improve the methods of dealing with proposals and questions on personnel policies and practices. Now, for the first time in the Library's history, employees have the right, through their elected representatives, to participate with management in the formation of personnel policies, practices, and other matters affecting their working conditions and to reduce resulting agreements to writing. This application of collective bargaining or "bilateralism" between management and its employees, also provides an orderly and effective means for the resolution of questions and disputes through an impartial outside umpire to advise on and resolve matters of disagreement and interpretation under provisions of the new regulation.

As one of the first steps toward implementing the labor-management program all Library executives and supervisors are attending labor-management relations training sessions relative to the new regulation from May 12 through June 8.

Also, the initial steps in the selection of an umpire are underway. The non-Library members of the Ad Hoc Committee are currently searching for persons qualified for and willing to accept the duties of the Library of Congress Umpire, and will submit its list of candidates to the Librarian in the immediate future. The umpire will be selected by the Librarian from this list after consultation with employees and recognized employee organizations. The umpire will serve for a term of two years, after which time and after mutual agreement with those labor organizations having exclusive recognition, he may be reselected, or should the position become vacant, the succeeding umpire shall be selected by the Librarian upon mutual agreement with the labor organizations holding exclusive recognition.

The responsibilities and authority of the umpire will be to administer and interpret the regulation, decide major policy issues, and provide overall program direction. He will consider appeals of agency decisions on negotiability of specific issues and consider exceptions to grievance arbitration awards. He will also decide questions as to the appropriate unit for the purpose of exclusive recognition, supervise the conduct of secret ballot elections to determine if the organization is or continues to be the choice of the majority of the employees in the designated unit, and will certify the results of such elections. He will decide complaints of alleged unfair labor practices and alleged violations of the standards of conduct for labor organizations, administer new financial and democratic practice controls over recognized labor organizations comparable to those required under the Landrum-Griffin Act in the private sector, and decide questions as to whether a grievance is subject to a negotiated grievance procedure or subject to arbitration under an agreement. He may also consider negotiation impasses and take necessary action for settlement.

The umpire will be paid by the Library and the Administrative Department will provide administrative support and services necessary for the umpire to perform his duties under the regulation.

Names of and information about the candidates for the umpire position will be made available to all employees and employee organizations as soon as the Ad Hoc Committee completes its work and submits a list of names to the Librarian.

Requests for copies of the regulation and the set of questions and answers, or inquiries about the labor-management program should be directed to Martin F. O'Donoghue, Jr., Labor-Management Relations Specialist, Room C107, Main Building, or ext. 6418.

Previous articles relating to the labor-management program have appeared in the LC *Information Bulletins* of October 26, 1973, p. 371, December 7, 1973, p. 425, April 5, 1974, p. 108, and April 25, 1975, p. 164.

## FRENCH COURSE OFFERED TO LIBRARY STAFF

A course in French will be offered to members of the Library staff beginning Monday, June 16. The French course curriculum, as in the past, will provide the staff member with a working knowledge of French and is not intended to be a class in conversational or written French.

The class will meet Monday through Friday from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the Main Building, Room 324C, from June 16 through July 28.

Nominations should be sent to the Training Office by the close of business on June 2. No more than seven staff members can be nominated from each department.

## RESERVED PARKING PERMITS DUE TO EXPIRE ON JUNE 30

Carpool parking permits for reserved spaces on East Capitol Street between 1st and 2nd Streets will expire on June 30. Applications for new permits, effective July 1 and valid for a six-month period, must be submitted in duplicate to the Administrative Department, MB-122B, on form LW 27/55 (rev 1/74) by one member of each carpool not later than June 11. Forms may be obtained from division or department offices.

Priority of assignment will be based on the size of the carpool and, and when all carpools of a particular size cannot be accommodated, by the combined length of service of its members. Questions regarding carpool assignments should be directed to Mrs. Jessie Lee, ext. 5560.

## KUNITZ REAPPOINTED POETRY CONSULTANT

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frequently suppressed in Russia, is "in return . . . really loved by the population . . . he is their best voice of freedom. In Russia, where the poet is not free, he is esteemed; in this country, where he is free, no one listens to him." In the United States, it is only the academic setting where poetry evokes such a strong response, and the "hope lies with the young, as always, who will take this feeling with them" from the university.

Regarding poetry and the role of the Library of Congress, Mr. Kunitz observes that there is a "beautiful sense of freedom about the Library of Congress, of serenity and dignity, that impresses the poets who come here" to read. He has been particularly interested in the visits of foreign poets, which have allowed them a chance to air their sometimes cloudy views of America and American poetry and allowed him to dispel some opinions about his role as "Poet Laureate."

The Library, he says, is a "good caretaker of the Whittall Fund," which has made possible the impressive list of major American poets who have read at the Library of Congress. Mr. Kunitz' own memories of Mrs. Whittall's role in poetry readings are somewhat more down to earth. He recalls Mrs. Whittall sitting with her earphone at his own first reading at the Library. After he had begun, a high, shrill voice, floating over his own, proclaimed, "That young man reads loud, thank God."

Mr. Kunitz' professional career and his publications are reviewed in a biographical sketch that appeared in the May 2 issue of the LC *Information Bulletin*, p. 175. His latest book, *A Kind of Order, A Kind of Folly: Essays & Conversations*, will be published next month.

## STAFF NEWS

### AWARD

**Franklin L. Peterson**, Motor Vehicle Operator, Central Services Division, was presented a 20-year

Federal Service Award pin on May 12 by Ida F. Wilson, Chief of the Division.

A native of Clinton, N.C., Mr. Peterson served in the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1946. He began his Library career in March 1957 as a Laborer in the former Buildings and Grounds Division. He was promoted to Laborer-Cleaner in June 1963, and promoted again to Truck Driver in July 1967. He transferred to the former Office of the Secretary in January 1969, and in October 1970 was promoted to his present position.

## STAFF ACTIVITIES

**Louise G. Becker**, Analyst in Information Sciences in the Science Policy Research Division, Congressional Research Service, gave the keynote address at the 1975 Carnahan Crime Countermeasures Conference sponsored by the University of Kentucky's College of Engineering in Lexington, Ky., on May 7.

The meeting provided a forum for the exchange of information on technological innovations in the criminal justice community. Mrs. Becker spoke on "Congressional Interest in Security and Privacy of Criminal Justice Information Systems" and discussed the recent concern with regulating and controlling criminal justice information, with special emphasis on privacy and security.

**Paula Shelley Brock**, Library Aid, Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped won first place in the Human Kindness Day Writing Contest sponsored by COMPARED TO WHAT, Inc., Washington, D.C., on May 10. First place prizes consisted of a $25 savings bond, autographed pictures of Stevie Wonder, and records.

**Harold Hooper**, Head of the Paperwork Management Section, Central Services Division, addressed the Washington Chapter of the Association of Records Executives and Administrators at the Library of Congress on April 30. The subject of Mr. Hooper's address was "Filing Systems in Congressional Offices."

**Robert Kost**, Electronics Technician, Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, received a certificate for his outstanding service in the repair and upkeep of duplicating equipment at the Volunteer Braille Services annual meeting held at the Washington Hebrew Congregation Temple, Washington, D.C. on May 14. Rose Adler in presenting the certificate said, "Bob is a fellow who just can't say no."

Three employees of the Descriptive Cataloging Division, Processing Department, have participated recently in meetings on the introduction of the revised rules of description into cataloging practice. **Laurie Smith**, Descriptive Cataloger, discussed the application of the rules at an ISBD workshop held at the School of Librarianship, Western Michigan University, on April 18. **Elizabeth Tate**, Chief of the Division, discussed the new rules in terms of their importance to Universal Bibliographic Control at a meeting sponsored by the Florida State University in early March. An Address by **Benny R. Tucker** to the Kansas State Library Association on April 29 was reported in the May 16 LC *Information Bulletin*.

## PERSONNEL CHANGES

**Appointments:** Richard Greenwood, analyst in labor economics and relations, GS-12, CRS E, 7702; Thomas Knock, reading room assistant, GS-2, S&R, OP 6-600; Stanley Sloan, analyst in European affairs, GS-14, CRS F, 7729.

**Temporary Appointments:** Carlos Hazera, library aid, GS-1, Sci, NP; Gary Ross, acquisitions assistant, GS-5, Ord, NP; Heidi Swesnik, library technician, GS-4, CRS C, NP; Charlotte White, clerk-typist, GT-3, Photodup, OP 2-100.

**Reappointments:** William Hinkley, entry editor, GS-9, Ser Rec, 7526; Gary Seay, master files assistant, GS-3, CRS L, 7647; Christi White, reference assistant, GS-7, CRS S, NP.

**Promotions:** Rita Aufricht, to senior copyright examiner, GS-12, Cop Exam, 7697; Dorothy Davis, to assistant section head, GS-13, Cop Exam, 7669; Willie Melson, to card processing reviser, GS-6, Cat Distri, 7614; Andrew Porvaznik, FMO, to mail clerk, GS-4, CS, 7710.

**Transfer:** Beverly Murphy, Cat Publ, to cataloging assistant, GS-5, Ser Rec, 7686.

**Resignations:** Harris Bright, Bldgs; Penelope Fredlund, CRS SPR; William Leugoud, Rare Bk; Julie Moury, E&G; Jennifer Sandberg, Desc Cat.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Library of Congress **Professional Association** will hold its 4th annual book sale on Wednesday, June 18, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Deck 14 of the Main Building. Buyers are asked to use the deck entrances off the south and east corridors rather than the Main Reading Room. Books will be added to the shelves throughout the day, and remaining books will be sold at reduced rates after 4 p.m.

Persons wishing to donate books, records, or magazines for the sale should bring them to the Library between June 4-13. An LCPA member will be stationed at the front door of the Main Building (1st Street, Ground Floor) from 7:45-8:45 a.m. and at the front door (2nd Street) of the Annex from 7:30-8:15

a.m. each morning to receive donations. During working hours, Winston Tabb, CRS Director's Office, MB-105, ext. 6464, and Jack Womeldorf, Descriptive Cataloging, A-2029, ext. 5178, will accept donations from staff members.

In the outlying divisions, the following persons have agreed to collect items for the sale: Hylda Kamisar, Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped; Mike Shelley, Geography and Map; Vernie Warren, Navy Yard; Imre Jarmy, Massachusetts Ave. Annex; and Joan Doherty, Copyright Office.

All LC staff members are invited to donate books and to attend the sale. Those attending will be required to show LC employee passes when purchasing books before 1 p.m. Money from the sale will be used for various LCPA projects, including the *Newsletter.*

The Library of Congress **WRA Choral Society** will present on Thursday, June 5, a mini-musical entitled "The Reception," written and staged by Maxine Christian, Processing Department, and directed by Tina Connolly, Congressional Research Service. A reprise of former show tunes, the concert will include solo, duet, and choral numbers and dances, with accompaniment by Elmer Booze, Reference Department, on piano, and Aaron Mickens, Congressional Research Service, on drums. The program will begin at 11:45 a.m. in the Coolidge Auditorium.

## LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PUBLICATIONS

*Accessions List: India.* ISSN 0041-7734. Vol. 13, No. 12, pt. 2. December 1974. Cumulative Author and Subject Indexes, 1974. (194 p.) Vol. 14, No. 4-6. April through June 1975. (pp. 51-104.) Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director, Library of Congress Office, American Embassy, New Delhi, India.

*The Blackwell Family, Carrie Chapman Catt, and the National American Women Suffrage Association: A Register of Their Papers in the Library of Congress.* 1975. (102 p.) This register provides a guide to papers once known as the "Suffrage Archives" and includes a portion of the records of the National American Woman Suffrage Association founded in 1890, the papers of Alice Stone Blackwell which came to the Library in 1961; and the papers of Carrie Chapman Catt which began to arrive at the Library in 1947. Inquires about the Register should be addressed to the Library of Congress, Manuscript Division, Washington, D.C. 20540.

*Foreign Newspaper and Gazette Report.* ISSN 0092-6647. 1975, No. 1. (12 p.) Issued three times a year, the *Report* is available to libraries and institutions free upon request from the Library of Congress, Central Services Division, Washington, D.C. 20540.

*Preservation Leaflets.* February 1975. No. 1, *Selected References in the Literature of Conservation.* No. 2, *Environmental Protection of Books and Related Materials.* No. 3, *Preserving Leather Bookbindings.* Prepared by the Library's Office of the Assistant Director for Preservation, this new series of leaflets provides general information on the conservation of books, manuscripts, prints and drawings, and other library and archival materials for those who need basic information on the preservation of relatively small collections but who have limited background and experience in book conservation. The treatment of topics covered in this series is not meant to be exhaustive. The leaflets are available without charge from the Library of Congress, Attn: Assistant Director for Preservation, Administrative Department, Washington, D.C. 20540.

**Format Changes:** Both *Talking Book Topics* and *Braille Book Review,* the major periodicals issued bimonthly by the Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped for users of the books produced by the Division, are carrying entirely new kinds of material.

The new columns and features are designed primarily to promote a greater exchange of information between DBPH and readers. "Playback," a new column in *TBT,* and "In Touch" in *BBR,* for example, answer recurring questions from readers. Another column, "Update," appearing in both magazines, gives the DBPH staff an opportunity to explain new developments in the program. Each publication also contains a "Letters" column.

Besides regular news articles about the program, forthcoming issues will contain stories by staff writers and by well-known authors whose books are popular with readers. Science fiction author Ray Bradbury is contributing an article to the July-August 1975 issues of *TBT* and *BBR.* Future contributors will be Isaac Asimov, Elswyth Thane, Helen MacInnes, and Herman Wouk.

Many of the changes in the content and format were instituted in the January-February issues when both periodicals again became available in large print format after being available for several months only in recorded or braille editions. A major portion of each contains annotated bibliographic listings of new braille and recorded books available under the Li-

brary of Congress program.

*TBT* is available in large print and on flexible disc, and *BBR* in large print and braille. The periodicals are distributed to approximately 300,000 readers by the Library of Congress, Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Washington, D.C. 20542.

**New Microfilm Publications:** The Library's Photoduplication Service has made available on 35mm positive microfilm 29 volumes of the *Journal of the American Temperance Union* for the period January 1837-December 1865. The American Temperance Union, organized in Philadelphia in May 1833 under the name of United States Temperance Union, was a federation of officers from state temperance societies. The Union provided the temperance movement with vigorous and unified leadership until eclipsed by the Washingtonian movement and fraternal temperance societies. The *Journal,* which began publication in 1837 under the editorship of Dr. John Marsh, corresponding secretary to the Union, survived longer than any other temperance organ or journal published during the last century and was the primary bearer of the temperance message at the national level. This file, which is an excellent source of information on the movement, is available on 4 reels of 35mm positive, silver halide, safety-base microfilm for $40, postage and handling included. An additional 50 cents per reel for surface postage is required for shipment to other than North American addresses. Orders and inquiries should be addressed to the Library of Congress, Photoduplication Service, Department C-244, Washington, D.C. 20540. Checks should be made payable to the Library of Congress Photoduplication Service.

The 148-volume collection of *Sbornik* of the Russkoe Istoricheskoe Obshchestvo (Russian Historical Society) for the years 1867-1916 has been placed on microfilm by the Photoduplication Service. These volumes contain source materials dealing with Russian government and foreign relations. Among the major themes is the Great Legislative Commission of Catherine II of 1767, which she instituted in an effort to reshape the Russian code of laws. Other volumes contain copies of diplomatic correspondence of Russian statesmen and of many foreign diplomats stationed in Russia. Other topics include documents on the life of the Emperor Nicholas I, material on the Russian Orthodox Church during his reign, and the correspondence of Catherine II with Baron Melchior Grimm, who might be termed, in modern parlance, her literary agent and publicity man in Paris. This file, which is likely to be of interest to researchers in both Russian and general European history, is available on 42 reels of microfilm for $428. Orders and inquiries should be addressed to the Photoduplication Service, Department C-240.

The Photoduplication Service has also microfilmed 38 volumes of *The Far-Eastern Review* for the years 1904-1933. Published in Manila from 1904 through 1941, the *Review* was intended to promote and protect the economic interest of U.S. entrepreneurs in the Pacific region. It was concerned not only with engineering, trade, and commerical opportunities but also with contemporary political development in the Philippines, Japan, and China. The file, which covers almost the entire period of American governance of the Philippines, is available on 19 reels for $188. Orders and inquiries should be addressed to the Photoduplication Service, Department C-241.

## NEWS IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

### Catalog Code Revision Committee Meets

The spring meeting of the ALA RTSD Catalog Code Revision Committee, held in Chicago on April 18 and 19, was attended by the 11 committee members and by representatives of several interested organizations. The committee met for more than 16 hours to discuss a very full agenda. In preparation for the forthcoming meeting of the Joint Steering Committee to Revise the AACR, the Catalog Code Revision Committee reviewed all of the recommendations from the Editor and Associate Editor regarding the rules that appear in either the North American or the British Text but not in both. They heard reports from several of the teams appointed to study specific blocs of rules and decided to study further such questions as choice of entry for reproductions of an artist's works, form of entry for subordinate elements of corporate bodies, and in particular to examine the advantages and disadvantages of various alternatives for the entry of serials.

Decisions were reached on several important items. The Catalog Code Revision Committee and the Canadian Committee on Cataloguing approved the publication of the most recent version of Chapter 12 of the *Anglo-American Cataloging Rules* with the addition of a preface, index, and certain appendixes. This chapter, now entitled "Audiovisual Media and Special Instructional Materials," will be published by the American Library Association in the next several months as an addition to the North American Text.

The Canadian Committee and the Catalog Code Revision Committee approved also the list of romanizations proposed for 92 characters in Chinese. This list will be combined with the romanizations that appeared in *Cataloging Service* Bulletin 62 and will be issued probably as Bulletin 114 or 115. At the request of the Library of Congress, both committees decided to postpone implementation of an earlier recommendation to adopt the official postal abbreviations for state names for use in establishing headings, pending the outcome of discussions about the elements to be included in headings, which will be a necessary prelude to the second edition of the AACR.

The next meeting of the Catalog Code Revision Committee will be held before the Annual Conference of the American Library Association in San Francisco. [*Elizabeth L. Tate*]

**American Geographers Meet**

More than 2,600 members of the Association of American Geographers assembled in Milwaukee, Wis., on April 20-23 for the organization's 71st annual meeting. It was the largest gathering of the membership in the association's 71-year history.

Some 600 individuals read research papers or participated in the 28 professional sessions, 29 special sessions, 26 interest groups, six mini-courses, and three poster sessions. That geographical interests literally cover the world is evident from the great range of paper and session topics, which spanned the alphabet from Agricultural and Behavioral Geography, through Climate, Departmental Archives, Earth as Seen from Space, Functional Highway Classification, to Perspective on Geographic Thought, Remote Sensing, and Women in Geography.

Members also participated in a number of field trips before and during the meeting, and viewed an assortment of commercial and noncommercial exhibits.

At the opening session, on Sunday evening, April 20, Werner A. Baum, Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, welcomed association members, following which Harold Mayer, Department of Geography, UWM, gave an illustrated lecture entitled "Milwaukee: Some Geographic Problems."

At a plenary session on April 22, past president Julian Wolpert, Princeton University, delivered an address on "Opening Closed Spaces." At the same session Meritorious Awards were presented to Louis De Vorsey, University of Georgia, George H. Dury, University of Wisconsin, Madison, and Peter Gould, Pennsylvania State University. Glenn T. Trewartha, Professor Emeritus of the University of Wisconsin, received the association's Outstanding Achievement Award.

Newly elected officers are Marvin W. Mikesell, University of Chicago, President; Harold Rose, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Vice President and President-elect; and John Adams, University of Minnesota, Secretary. Dorothy A. Nicholson, National Geographic Society, continues as Treasurer. The Central Office of the Association of American Geographers, located at 1710 16th Street, Washington, D.C., is under the direction of Executive Director J. Warren Nystrom. [*Walter W. Ristow*]

**Group on LC Catalogs Meets**

The Advisory Committee on the Future of the LC Catalogs, representing the Technical Services Directors of Large Research Libraries discussion group of the American Library Association Resources and Technical Services Division, convened for an all-day meeting at the Library on Monday, April 28. The members of the committee are Paul J. Fasana, New York Public Library; Karen L. Horny, Northwestern University; Betty J. Meyer, Ohio State University; Paul M. Miles, University of California, Los Angeles; Joseph A. Rosenthal, University of California, Berkeley; and Ryburn M. Ross, Cornell University. William J. Welsh, Henriette D. Avram, and John C. Rather represented the Library of Congress Processing Department.

During the morning session, the committee was briefed on the current situation at the Library of Congress with respect to the existing card catalogs, progress on automation of technical services, and future plans for a new system of catalog control. Questions and answers revolved largely about the implications of these developments for libraries using LC cataloging data and these concerns were discussed at length in the afternoon session. Several departmental and divisional officers of the Library of Congress Processing and Reference Departments attended as observers. Subsequent meetings of the advisory committee will be scheduled as new developments can be announced. [*John C. Rather*]

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# *APPENDIX*

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## MEETING OF THE COOPERATIVE CONVERSION OF SERIALS (CONSER) PROJECT ADVISORY GROUP
### Washington, D.C., April 11, 1975

**[Editor's note: In a continuing effort to inform readers of the progress and activities of the CONSER Project, the LC *Information Bulletin* presents this report submitted by the Council on Library Resources, Inc.]**

The CONSER Project's Advisory Group met at the Library of Congress on April 11 to review progress to date and to consider additional cooperative arrangements.

Added to the CONSER membership during the meeting were the Florida Union List of Serials (University of Florida) and the Boston Theological Institute. The Advisory Group recommended that consideration of any additional membership be postponed for at least six months. At the same time, a cooperative agreement between CONSER and the National Federation of Abstracting and Indexing Services was completed subject to NFAIS board approval. NFAIS will supply up to 25,000 science and technology surrogates (photocopies of the publication's cover, title page, and masthead) to the CONSER file via the National Serials Data Program. NFAIS, in turn, will have access to the complete CONSER file.

The CONSER Project's Advisory Group approved the accompanying chart and explanation of the project's inter-relationships.

### CONSER Inter-Relationships

**[Editor's note: The following statements are keyed to the chart on the following page.]**

1. The interim responsibility for the management of the CONSER Project rests with the Council on Library Resources. The Council also provides partial funding for the project. During the project, a more permanent arrangement will be made.

2. There is two-way communication between the CONSER Advisory Group and the CONSER management staff at the Council on Library Resources.

3. It is the responsibility of the CONSER Advisory Group to inform the U.S. and Canadian library communities, as well as the publishers and the abstracting and indexing communities in both countries. The Advisory Group is also responsible for informing CONSER management of the reactions to CONSER from these communities.

4. The Ohio College Library Center's system is the interim host site for the CONSER data base. OCLC's staff and management work closely with the CONSER management, Centers of Responsibility, and the advisory group to implement the project.

5. The initial files are loaded from magnetic tape in a batch mode. Shown are the Minnesota Union List of Serials, the LC MARC serials, and the Canadian MARC serials. There may be other initial files.

6. After the initial files are loaded from tape, the CONSER participants shown in the left semicircle begin their input on-line.

7. Periodically, on prior arrangement with OCLC, each user institution may get tapes of its own records from OCLC. These may differ from other CONSER records in that they contain local data.

8. This shows that Yale is also a member of the Research Library Group and the New England Library Information Network. Cornell University is a CONSER representative of the Five Associated University Libraries system.

9. Other OCLC users who are not CONSER participants also input serials records to the data base and have on-line access to these records.

10. After the initial files are loaded, there is a constant interaction between, on the one hand, OCLC and, on the other, the Library of Congress and the National Library of Canada. These two libraries input their own serials records; they receive separate tapes of their MARC serials records for MARC distribution. They also act as Centers of Responsibility for certain bibliographic content of the records.

11. Periodically during the project and at its end, the Library of Congress and the National Library of Canada will receive the CONSER files and distribute them as they do their MARC serials.

12. The National Serials Data Program (NSDP) within the Library of Congress and the ISDS/Canada within the National Library of Canada provide records from CONSER to the International Serials Data System (ISDS) International Center in Paris. In addition, these two activities receive from the ISDS records prepared by other national centers and by the ISDS Center itself. These records become part of CONSER. The NSDP and the ISDS/Canada have the responsibility for providing the International Standards Serial Number (ISSN) and Key Titles to CONSER records for serials published in the two countries, and for authenticating and locking these data elements. These two centers also provide to the CONSER records additional data elements required by the international system.

13. The National Federation of Abstracting and Indexing Services provides input to CONSER by way of the National Serials Data Program, and receives CONSER records in the national distribution system.

14. The Library of Congress and the National Federation of Abstracting and Indexing Services inform U.S. publishers concerning CONSER and request their assistance in using the International Standards Serial Number. The National Library of Canada has the same relationship with Canadian publishers. The International Serials Data System in Paris and other National Centers perform this function for foreign publishers.

15. The National Science Foundation provides some of the funds and guidance for the National Serials Data Program so that it may satisfy the requirements of the abstracting and indexing services primarily and of the scientific and technical community generally.

16. The ISDS Center in Paris is responsible for communication with the international library and abstracting and indexing communities. It has other functions not related to CONSER.

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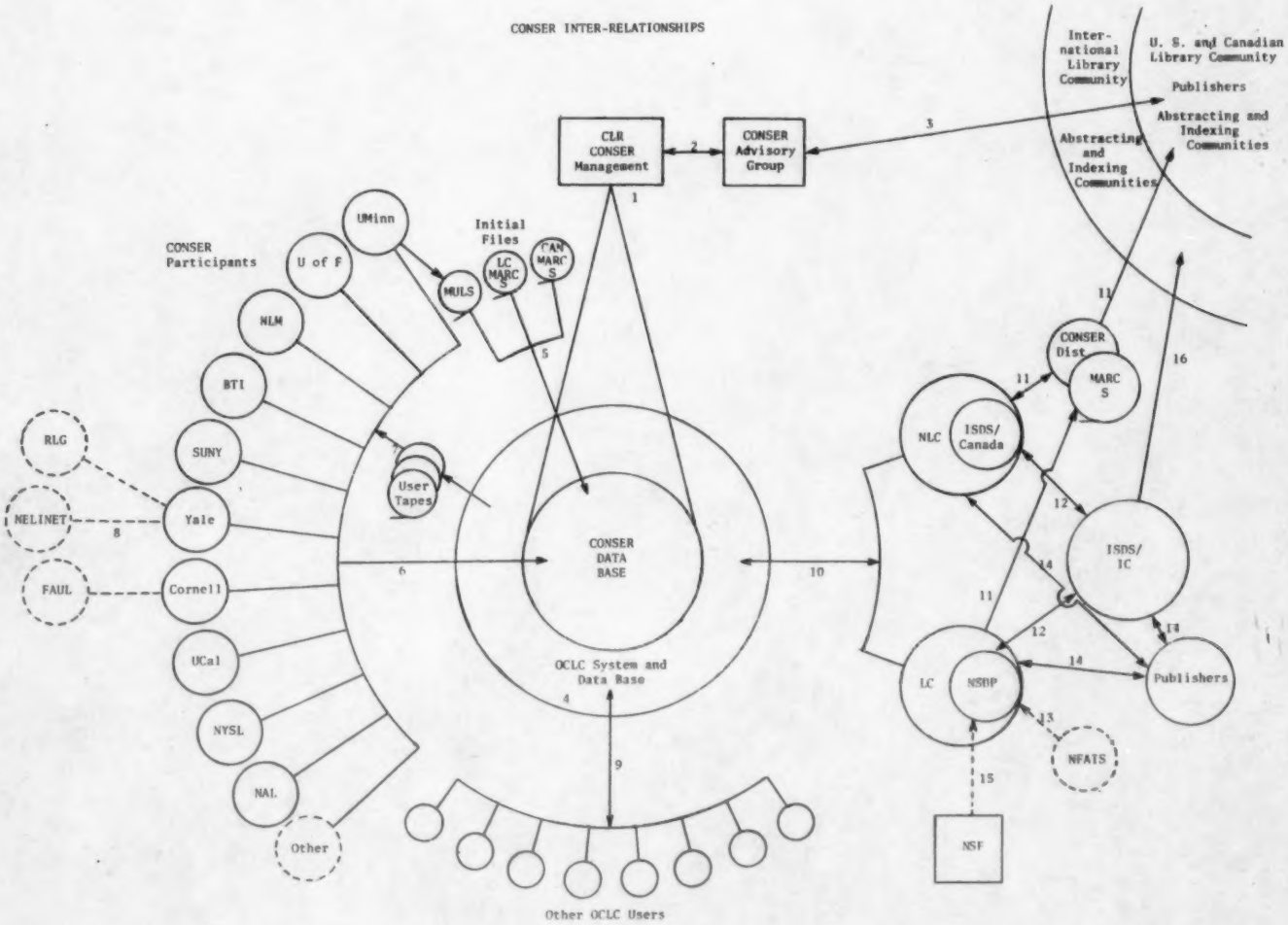


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